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Secwepemc Land Grab Of Kamloops: Going On For A Decade

Another case in British Columbia has come to light involving property rights, this time in Kamloops.

The Secwepemc Nation filed a lawsuit in September 2015, claiming to be the actual landowners. If granted, it would not only effectively give them control of the city itself, but

much of the surrounding area. This would impact over 100,000 people. Stunningly, this only became public a day ago.

For context, consider this:

John Rustad took the position of Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation back in June 2013. For whatever reason, he decided to remain silent on legal challenges that would erase the property rights of residents of British Columbia. He is now in charge of the "Official Opposition" in the Province. From Wikipedia:

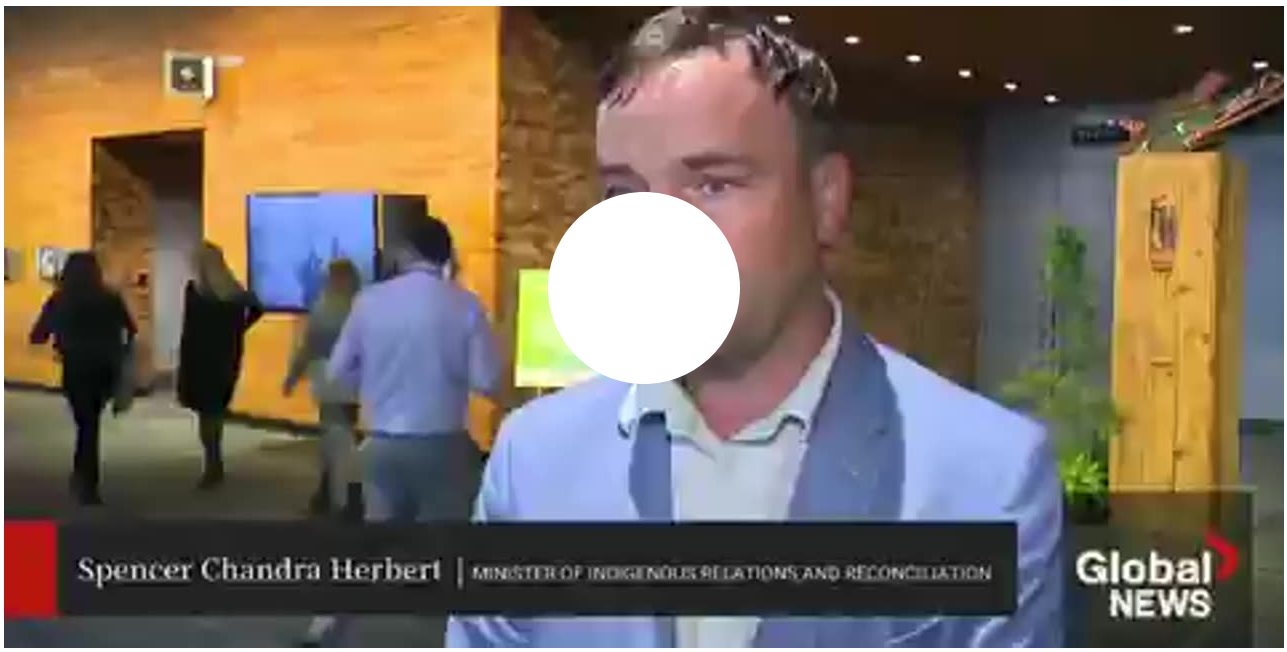
> He retained his seat in the ***2013 election and was appointed Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation by Premier Christy Clark. He kept his cabinet post following his re-election in 2017***, and added the role of Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to his duties after Steve Thomson's election as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. Rustad continued in both ministerial roles until that July, when the Liberal minority government was defeated in a non-confidence motion.

Rustad was the Minister in charge the entire time, but chose not to inform the public. While in Opposition, he still doesn't announce this news. Nor does the NDP. Presumably, he would have remained silent even as the case proceeded to Trial.

Peter Milobar, an MLA in Rustad's Caucus, was Mayor of Kamloops from 2008 until 2017. He then got into Provincial politics. One would assume that he was aware of the suit.

Elenore Sturko: MLA Willing To Stand Up For Truth

BC MLA Elenore Surko On Kamloops Land Grab



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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Elenore Sturko, MLA
Surrey-Cloverdale

The NDP is failing in its duty to notify British Columbians of active litigation impacting private property as more cases surface: Elenore Sturko

Court documents show claim against City of Kamloops and surrounding properties

November 5, 2025

Surrey, B.C. – As more court cases advance, Elenore Sturko, MLA for Surrey-Cloverdale (Independent) is calling on David Eby and his NDP government to provide full disclosure to British Columbians on all Notices of Civil Claim filed against the province by First Nations claiming title, particularly over areas of existing private property.

Elenore Sturko, MLA for Surrey-Cloverdale, broke this story. She's calling for full disclosure on ***all*** such claims being advanced in B.C. Courts. Of course, this raises all kinds of questions.

For starters, how and when did *she* find out?

What Do They Actually Want?

SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SEAL 10-Mar-25 Kamloops REGISTRY

Third Amended filed pursuant to Consent Order dated 5/MAR/2025
Further Amended version filed 7/JUL/2020
Amended version filed 18/OCT/2016
Original filed 21/SEP/2015

NO. 051952
KAMLOOPS REGISTRY

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BETWEEN

CHIEF RON IGNACE and CHIEF ROSANNE CASIMIR, on their own behalf and on behalf of all other members of the Stk'emlupsemc te Secwepemc of the SECWEPEMC NATION

PLAINTIFFS

AND

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, KGHM AJAX MINING INC., and THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA

DEFENDANTS

~~FURTHER~~ THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF CIVIL CLAIM

1. A declaration that the Secwepemc Nation holds aboriginal title to all or part of the Stk'emlupsemc te Secwepemc Territory, which is part of Secwepemc Traditional Territory.

2. A declaration that the Secwepemc Nation holds aboriginal title to all or part of the land subject to the Authorizations in the Kamloops region of British Columbia, which is in Secwepemc Traditional Territory;

3. A declaration that the Secwepemc people hold aboriginal rights in all or part of the Stk'emlupsemc te Secwepemc Territory, and in all or part of the land subject to the Authorizations, both of which are part of Secwepemc Traditional Territory, which rightsinclude some or all of the following:
(a) the right to hunt and trap;

(b) the right to fish;
(c) the right to harvest timber;
(d) the right to harvest bark;
(e) the right to harvest berries;
(f) the right to harvest and cultivate plants for food and traditional medicine;
(g) the right to carry on traditional customs and spiritual activities in the historical location where those activities were and are traditionally carried on;
(h) the right to mine and trade in copper, gold, and other mineral resources;
(i) the right to a Secwepemc economy; and
(j) the right to sustainable watersheds, airshed, and a healthy ecosystem.

4. A declaration that the Authorizations unjustifiably infringe the aboriginal title and/or the aboriginal rights of the Secwepemc Nation;

5. A declaration that continued mining pursuant to the Authorizations would unjustifiably infringe the aboriginal rights and/or aboriginal title of the Secwepemc Nation;

6. A declaration that the Mines Act does not apply to the Secwepemc aboriginal title land;

7. A declaration that the provisions of the Mines Act that cumulatively prohibit the Secwepemc Nation from mining in copper and gold, are unjustifiable infringements of the Secwepemc Nation's boriginal rights and/or title and are of no force and effect pursuant to s. 52 of the Constitution Act, 1982;

8. A declaration that the infringements of aboriginal title authorized by British Columbia unlawfully intrude upon Parliament's exclusive right to legislate in respect of Indians and Lands reserved for the Indians and therefore such authorization and legislation is of no force and effect;

9. Damages for the past and continued infringement of the Secwepemc Nation's aboriginal rights and/or title;

10. An accounting by British Columbia and/or Canada of all monies received in the form of Crown grants, mineral taxes, property tax, sales tax, corporate income tax, retail sales

> tax, and lease or other revenues arising out of, or with respect to, the mining of minerals pursuant to the Authorizations;

> 11. An interim and permanent injunction enjoining any drilling, mining, timber harvesting or road building, or any other activity pursuant to the Authorizations;

> 12. Interest and costs; and

> 13. Such further and other relief as this Honourable Court sees fit, including the declarations sought above in respect of such lesser tracts of land as the Court may determine are subject to aboriginal rights or title.

This is from page 25 in the most recent Notice of Civil Claim. There is speculation that this is really a “power play” to prevent mining and development in the area. Of course, if granted, it would effectively hand over the entire city of Kamloops.

Court Case Making Relatively Little Progress

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			Order	24Sep2025		
		106	Case Plan Proposal	15Sep2025		
		105	Case Plan Proposal	10Sep2025		
		104	Case Plan Proposal	02Sep2025		
		102	Case Plan Proposal	26Aug2025		
		103	Requisition - Method of Attendance	25Aug2025		View (English)
			Order	16May2025		
		101	Case Plan Proposal	09May2025		
		99	Case Plan Proposal	02May2025		
		98	Case Plan Proposal	01May2025		
		97	Case Plan Proposal	22Apr2025		
	amends 67	96	Notice of Civil Claim	10Mar2025		View (English)
		95	Consent Order	05Mar2025		View (English)
		93	Requisition - Method of Attendance	27Feb2025		View (English)
		89	Consent Order	27Jan2025		View (English)
		88	Requisition for Consent Order or for Order without Notice (Form 31)	22Jan2025		
		94	Requisition for Consent Order or for Order without Notice (Form 31)	20Jan2025		
		87	Requisition	15Jan2025		View (English)
		92	Case Plan Order	14Jan2025		View (English)
		86	Requisition - Method of Attendance	14Jan2025		View (English)
		85	Case Plan Proposal	27Dec2024		
		84	Case Plan Proposal	24Dec2024		
		83	Case Plan Proposal	20Dec2024		
		82	Case Plan Proposal	20Dec2024		
		100	Order	17Jul2024		View (English)
		81	Requisition	08Apr2024		View (English)
		91	Order	05Mar2024		View (English)
		80	Requisition - General (Application)	20Feb2024		View (English)
		79	Notice of Change of Solicitor	02Feb2024		
		78	Notice of Change of Solicitor	01Feb2024		

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		76	Requisition	31Aug2023		View (English)
		75	Consent Order	29Aug2023		View (English)
		74	Requisition for Consent Order or for Order without Notice (Form 31)	29Aug2023		
		73	Requisition	25Aug2023		View (English)
		72	Notice of Case Planning Conference	08Aug2023		
		71	Notice of Appointment or Change of Lawyer/Solicitor	05May2023		
		70	Notice of Address for Service	01Jun2022		
		69	Consent Order	25Jan2021		View
		68	Requisition for Consent Order or for Order without Notice (Form 31)	22Jan2021		
	Yes amends 7	67	Notice of Civil Claim	07Jul2020		View
		66	Consent Order	30Jun2020		View
		65	Requisition for Consent Order or for Order without Notice (Form 31)	30Jun2020		
		64	Electronic Filing Statement - Supreme	04Sep2019		
		63	Affidavit	04Sep2019		
		62	Consent Order	10Jun2019		View
		61	Requisition for Consent Order or for Order without Notice (Form 31)	10Jun2019		
		60	Consent Order	03May2019		View
		59	Requisition for Consent Order or for Order without Notice (Form 31)	03May2019		
		58	Consent Order	20Feb2019		View
		57	Requisition for Consent Order or for Order without Notice (Form 31)	19Feb2019		
		55	Affidavit	08Jan2019		
			Order	07Jan2019		
		56	Reasons For Judgment	07Jan2019		
		54	Electronic Filing Statement - Supreme	05Nov2018		
		53	Affidavit in Support of Application	05Nov2018		
		52	Affidavit	01Nov2018		
		51	Requisition	29Oct2018		View
		50	Electronic Filing Statement - Supreme	29Oct2018		
		49	Affidavit in Support of Application	29Oct2018		

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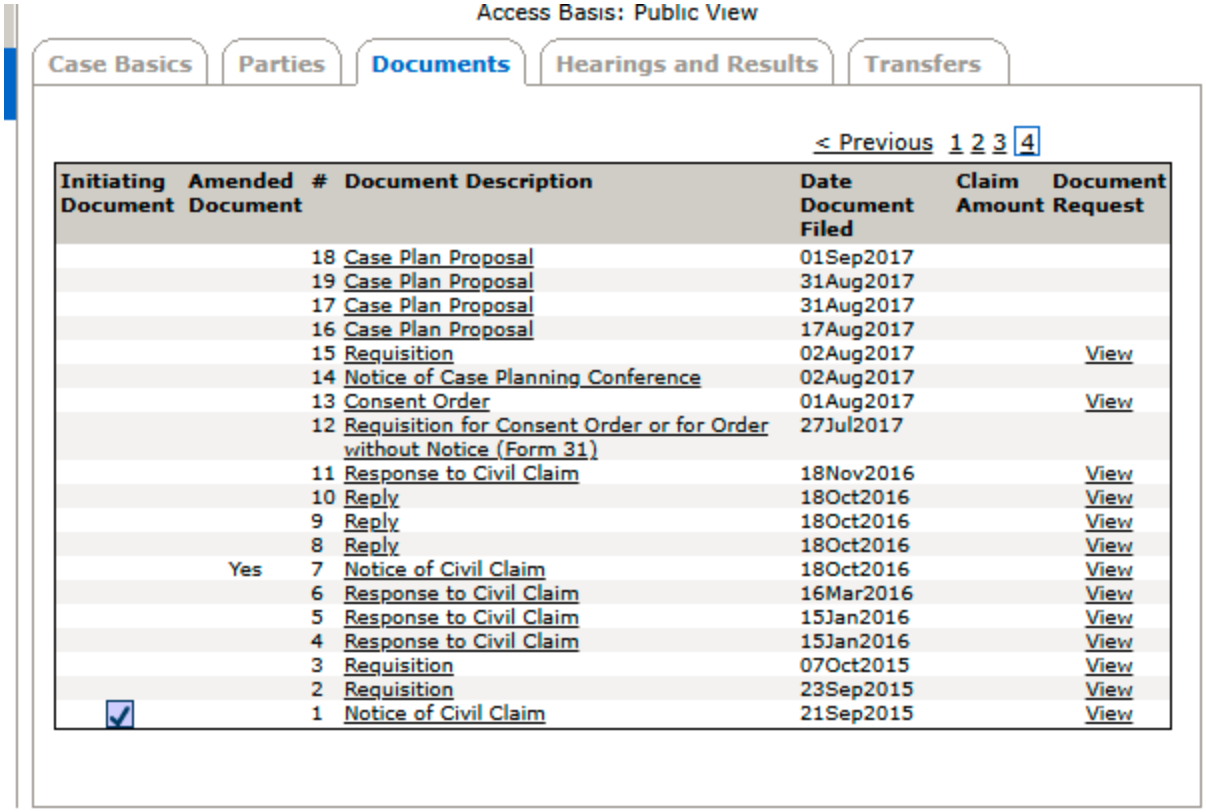
		48	Requisition	25Oct2018		
		47	Electronic Filing Statement - Supreme	23Oct2018		
		46	Affidavit	23Oct2018		
		45	Electronic Filing Statement - Supreme	15Oct2018		
		44	Affidavit	15Oct2018		
		43	Electronic Filing Statement - Supreme	12Oct2018		
		42	Affidavit	12Oct2018		
		41	Application Response	12Oct2018		View
		40	Electronic Filing Statement - Supreme	12Oct2018		
		39	Affidavit	12Oct2018		
		38	Application Response	12Oct2018		View
		37	Electronic Filing Statement - Supreme	12Oct2018		
		36	Affidavit	12Oct2018		
		35	Application Response	12Oct2018		View
		34	Affidavit in Support of Application	05Oct2018		
		33	Affidavit in Support of Application	05Oct2018		
		32	Electronic Filing Statement - Supreme	05Oct2018		
		31	Electronic Filing Statement - Supreme	05Oct2018		
		30	Notice of Application	19Sep2018		View
		29	Correspondence	19Sep2018		
		28	Requisition	19Sep2018		View
		27	Notice of Appointment or Change of Lawyer/Solicitor	30Aug2018		
		26	Requisition	15Aug2018		
		25	Requisition	16Jul2018		View
		24	Requisition	11Jul2018		View
		23	Notice of Application	11Jul2018		View
		22	Electronic Filing Statement - Supreme	26Jun2018		
		21	Affidavit in Support of Application	26Jun2018		
		20	Submissions	01Nov2017		



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		19	Case Plan Proposal	31Aug2017		
		17	Case Plan Proposal	31Aug2017		
		16	Case Plan Proposal	17Aug2017		
		15	Requisition	02Aug2017		View
		14	Notice of Case Planning Conference	02Aug2017		
		13	Consent Order	01Aug2017		View
		12	Requisition for Consent Order or for Order without Notice (Form 31)	27Jul2017		
		11	Response to Civil Claim	18Nov2016		View
		10	Reply	18Oct2016		View
		9	Reply	18Oct2016		View
		8	Reply	18Oct2016		View
	Yes	7	Notice of Civil Claim	18Oct2016		View
		6	Response to Civil Claim	16Mar2016		View
		5	Response to Civil Claim	15Jan2016		View
		4	Response to Civil Claim	15Jan2016		View
		3	Requisition	07Oct2015		View
		2	Requisition	23Sep2015		View
☑		1	Notice of Civil Claim	21Sep2015		View

The case has not yet gone to Trial. The Claim has been amended 3 separate times, with the most recent version being in March 2025.

Like with the Cowichan case, it appears that there was no attempt whatsoever to notify property owners (or residents in general) that a verdict could have profound consequences. Rustad was also the Minister when that one was filed in 2014.

The Cowichan case is more nefarious though. Although the case involved *Richmond* property owners, it was filed in *Victoria*, presumably to help conceal from the public. The case was also scrubbed from BCCSO entirely, and there are publication bans on certain documents.

Expect a follow-up as things progress.

Sturko MLA Letter Kamloops Action

COURT DOCUMENTS:
(1) Secwepemc Doc 001 Notice Of Civil Claim
(2) Secwepemc Doc 002 Requisition

(3) Secwepemc Doc 003 Requisition
(4) Secwepemc Doc 004 Response To Civil Claim
(5) Secwepemc Doc 005 Response To Civil Claim
(6) Secwepemc Doc 006 Response To Civil Claim
(7) Secwepemc Doc 007 Amended Notice Of Civil Claim
(8) Secwepemc Doc 008 Reply
(9) Secwepemc Doc 009 Reply
(10) Secwepemc Doc 010 Reply
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(31) Secwepemc Doc 076 Requisition
(32) Secwepemc Doc 080 Requisition
(33) Secwepemc Doc 086 Requisition
(34) Secwepemc Doc 092 Case Plan Order
(35) Secwepemc Doc 095 Consent Order Further Statement Of Claim
(36) Secwepemc Doc 096 Third Amended Notice Of Civil Claim
(37) Secwepemc Doc 103 Method Of Attendance

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